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Water and Wastewater Works Operator License Revocations

RICHMOND – The Virginia Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals issued two license revocations at its most recent meeting Wednesday, June 25, 2008.

Following is a summary of the Board's actions. Copies of the file orders are available online at www.dpor.virginia.gov under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

ROBERT WAYNE FRANZ

BERRYVILLE, VA

File Number 2006-04782

VIOLATION – Franz failed to demonstrate reasonable care, judgment or knowledge in the performance of his duties; and engaged in negligence or incompetence.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of Wastewater III Operator License No. 1911004098.

STEVE VAUGHN DAWSON

BERRYVILLE, VA

File Number 2006-04783

VIOLATION – Dawson failed to demonstrate reasonable care, judgment or knowledge in the performance of his duties; and engaged in negligence or incompetence.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of Water IV Operator License No. 1912002650.

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About DPOR and the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators:

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) administers and enforces laws regulating nearly 40 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 300,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators licenses approximately 5,400 individuals who operate water and wastewater treatment facilities. Licensed operators' duties include testing or evaluation to control waterworks (systems for collection, storage, purification, and treatment of water for drinking or domestic use) or wastewater works (sewerage systems and facilities discharging industrial or other wastes into state waters).

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